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Clinton takes responsibility for handling of Libya attack

LIMA (AFP) - Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Monday she takes the blame for any shortcomings in the handling of an attack last month on the US mission in the Libyan city of Benghazi.

"I take responsibility," she said, according to the news networks CNN and Fox, which interviewed her during a visit to the Peruvian capital Lima.

"I'm in charge of the State Department -- 60,000 plus people all over the world, 275 posts," she said, in a brief excerpt of the CNN interview, in



which she absolved President Barack Obama from blame.

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Main Street must be ready by December 15th!

ORANJESTAD -- The Prime Minister, Minister of Infrastructure and Director of the Public Works Department (DOW), this week made a public presentation in the down town area of Oranjestad and reported on the latest developments of the renovation taking place in the main street.

According to the government, the work in the main street has entered its final phase. Work to be completed also includes the Havenstraat, Wilhelminastraat, Schelpstraat, Hendrikstraat and Emmastraat which is all part of the city center project. The work in these streets will continue beyond December 15. However, the government's goal is to complete the main street work no later than by December 15. They are aiming to make the main street assessable to all no

later than December 15.

Various plants have been planted, among them, beautiful palms and Black Olive trees. Some 300 trees will be planted in the main street which will be equipped with a professional drip system. These trees will provide shade and a nice ambiance for the main street.

This week the special pavers will be placed between the rails tracks. Minister Sevinger expressed gratitude for all those who worked on the project thus far, and for the shop owners for their patience. He was pleased to observe that some store owners had done some face-lifting on their premises. As to the street cars, all the rails for these have been laid and they only need to work on the various stopping points



where people will be getting on and off the cars. According to the Prime Minister, a very big job is nearing completion for which he and the government are very pleased.

Ross Perot endorses Romney: U.S. on 'unsustainable course'

Yesterday morning, businessman and former presidential candidate Ross Perot declared his unequivocal support for Republican candidate Mitt Romney.

"President Obama promised a great deal. He has had his chance," Perot wrote. "The results are visible for all to see. It is time for a new beginning. It is time for Mitt Romney."

Complaining of Obama's policy writ large, Perot echoed the GOP challenger's campaign slogan, writing that America "can't afford four more years in which debt mushrooms out of control, our government grows and our military is weakened."

Going on to praise Romney's conservative principles as well as his record as governor of Massachusetts, Perot argues that the former Bain Capital CEO would address and rectify the current president's shortcomings.

"He has spent most of his career in the private sector. He

understands how jobs are created. He understands how government can get in the way of that process," Perot writes. "As a president, he would do what this administration has been unable to do, which is reform our federal government, pare it back and—most critically—keep it from acting as a brake on economic growth."

The endorsement may come as a surprise to some. In

recent weeks, Perot went on record as disapproving of both candidates' negligence of an impending "fiscal cliff" and the country's massive debt. In an interview with USA Today, he said, "Nobody that's running really talks about it, about what we have to do and why we have to do it. They would prefer not to have it discussed."



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Clinton takes responsibility...

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"The president and the vice president certainly wouldn't be knowledgeable about specific decisions that are made by security professionals," she said. Obama has come under fire

from his critics over the attack, which left four Americans dead, and Clinton's move will be seen as an attempt to take the heat off him three weeks before he bids for re-election

in the November 6 polls.

Clinton has launched an internal investigation into whether there were any security failures in Benghazi, while the FBI and Libyan authorities have launched criminal investigations into the killings.

But Clinton said the buck stopped with her on security decisions and played down initial communications errors, saying there is always "confusion" in the first hours after an attack.

"The decisions about security are made by security professionals, but we're going to review everything to be sure we're doing what needs to be done in an increasingly risky environment," Clinton said, according to Fox News.

Campaign to combat human trafficking kicks off in Aruba

GENEVA -- "The Fight against Human Trafficking Matters!" is Aruba's slogan for a week of events designed to raise public awareness for better prevention of human trafficking, protection of victims and prosecution of traffickers.

"The campaign, which starts today with a public lecture at the University of Aruba and events at local radio and television stations, is organized by IOM, the Government of Aruba and the Aruba Anti Human Trafficking and Smuggling Taskforce", said the IOM Spokesperson Chris Lom in a press release.

Like many countries in the Caribbean, Aruban officials have started to receive information on possible cases of human trafficking. To date, three of them have been confirmed, but IOM and its partners believe that other cases may remain unreported. "Although the scale of human trafficking in Aruba, and in the Caribbean for that matter, does not compare with other regions around the world, human trafficking is a crime that cannot be ignored," says IOM Project Manager Chissey Mueller. Throughout the week, IOM, its partners and guest speakers, including a US citizen who was trafficked in the USA, will bring the message to different audiences by explaining what constitutes human trafficking, how it takes place, ways in which traffickers deceive their victims, possible trends in Aruba and in the region, the Government's response and available services, and how the public can play a crucial role in preventing human trafficking and in identifying victims.

On Thursday, October 18, Aruba's National Day against Human Trafficking, will anchor the week with a session for invited delegates from

other Caribbean countries that closely interact with Aruban authorities and civil society on the issue of human trafficking.

During the course of the week, IOM will discuss its upcoming "Situational Analysis on Aruba's Response to Human Trafficking" research report and will launch a competition for Aruban youth to submit artwork depicting human trafficking for an information campaign scheduled for 2013.

The Aruba awareness week is part of IOM's regional capacity building program to combat human trafficking in Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Jamaica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago. The program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (J/TIP.) Since 2004, IOM has been helping to build the capacity of the English and Dutch-speaking Caribbean to fight human trafficking by raising awareness, training stakeholders, and identifying and assisting victims who had been trafficked for sexual exploitation, forced labor and domestic servitude.

The victims came from countries as distant as India, Myanmar and the Ukraine, and from neighboring countries, including Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Guyana and Jamaica.

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Now that we are approaching the rainy season, Santa Rosa advises all agriculturists to purchase their plastic tanks for collecting water. These tanks are available at the Canashito Farm. These plastic tanks are ideal for collecting water that can be used for wa-

tering plants instead of the high cost of regular tap water.

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For the agriculturist they have received a variety of new products such as: leather



gloves, plastic helmets, smokers, frames to hold back bees, and much more.

In their collection of products, there is also a variety of feed for goats and sheep, hay, vitamin, products for making cheese and the all-time favorite goat milk.

Santa Rosa also wants to remind all agriculturists and livestock farmers who may not have registered as yet, to be sure and do this as soon as possible. They should go personally to the Center or call 585-8102 and ask for Glenda.

Please note that during the month of November, Santa Rosa will not offer any service on private properties as their focus during this month will be on improving our water dams.

Rafael is season's ninth hurricane; Paul loses punch

Rain began to fall in Bermuda yesterday afternoon as the outer bands of Hurricane Rafael passed over the island where life, for the most part, went on as usual.

A few flights into the tourist destination were canceled or delayed, but most of the 70,000 residents carried on with their business or went to school.

Officials at Bermuda's Emergency Measures Organisation cautioned people on the eastern end of the island to take precautions because of strong winds and said higher than normal tides were expected at as early as 10 p.m.

Rafael is expected to bring storm-force winds and rough seas as it passes about 100 miles southeast of Bermuda, said Wayne Perinchief, chairman of the emergency organization.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center expect Rafael to hold its strength

before weakening sometime today as it moves into the north Atlantic.

Hurricane Paul weakened as it swirled toward Mexico's Pacific coast yesterday, prompting authorities to close schools and government offices as the storm approached a lightly populated area.

The hurricane lost some punch as it neared the Baja California peninsula, with maximum sustained winds of 145 kilometers per hour (90 miles per hour), the US National Hurricane Center said.

"Preparations to protect life and property should have been completed," the Miami-based center said.

The latest advisory said Paul weakened to a category one hurricane on the five-level Saffir-Simpson scale and was about 72 kilometers (45 miles) from the town of Cabo San Lazaro on the southwestern coast of the peninsula.

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Kevin Schwab bids farewell to the Aruba Marriott; promoted to Market Vice President for Mexico



The Executive team of the Aruba Marriott says goodbye to Kevin Schwab

PALM BEACH – The Aruba Marriott properties held a farewell party in the Grand Ballroom, thanking their Vice President and General Manager Kevin Schwab for his great leadership, guidance and support over the last three years. Schwab continues his career with Marriott as the Market Vice President for Mexico overseeing 21 Marriott properties.

Most recently, Schwab has successfully led the team at the Aruba Marriott Resort complex as Vice President and General Manager. He was in charge overseeing the day-to-day physical and financial operations of the property and implementing service-training programs. His dedication to maintaining the resort's reputation for high service standards showed great successes.

In 2010, he was awarded General Manager of the Year and received the first award

for his outstanding work with the implementation of Breakthrough Leadership (BLT). The Aruba Marriott became the first Marriott hotel to implement BLT outside the United States. Schwab championed developed the concept of coaches across the Americas and was instrumental in the successful launch of BLT throughout the Caribbean and Latin America hotels.

During the Mexican themed farewell party, Schwab took the time to thank all his associates for the great achievements all three properties have accomplished in the last few years. He highlighted the most recent accomplishment, the switch from a six-day to a five-day work week for multiple departments within the complex, maintaining the same salary as before.

Saddened to see him leave, the Aruba Marriott wishes Kevin and his sup-

porting wife Nadine all the best as he departs for a new adventure. Te oro Kevin!

Digicel supporting Trai' Merdia Program

Digicel has decided to support the Trai' Merdia children's program which numbers some 1200 kids across the island. The Digicel program is focused primarily on promoting reading and the better use of Dutch and Papiamentu which will enhance the learning of each child in school.

Remko van der Veldt, General Manager of Digicel Aruba initiated the project at the Trai' Merdia Centers where so many of our kids go after school to do their home work, participate in different recreational activities and receive guidance from teachers who serve them with love and patience.

In initiating the project, Van der Veldt read a story in Papiamentu to all the children present at the Trai' Merdia at the Pieter Boer School in San Nicolas. Digicel is committed to helping make a



difference in the lives of our children through this educational program.

The Aruban community certainly applauds this kind of support from a local company!

Loyal visitors honored at the Aruba Divi Phoenix



Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring two very nice couples, as Distinguished Vi-

sitors and Ambassadors of Goodwill of Aruba. These symbolic honorary title are presented in the name of the

Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10 to 19 and 20 or more consecutive years.

The honorees were Mr. Alan and Mrs. Brenda Eaton as Distinguished Visitors and Mr. Terry and Mrs. Doreen Dunn as Ambassadors of Goodwill. Both couples are loyal members of the Divi Phoenix Beach Resort, and they say they love the Island very much.

The certificates were presented to them by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Ms. Jennifer Melfor representing the Aruba Divi Phoenix.

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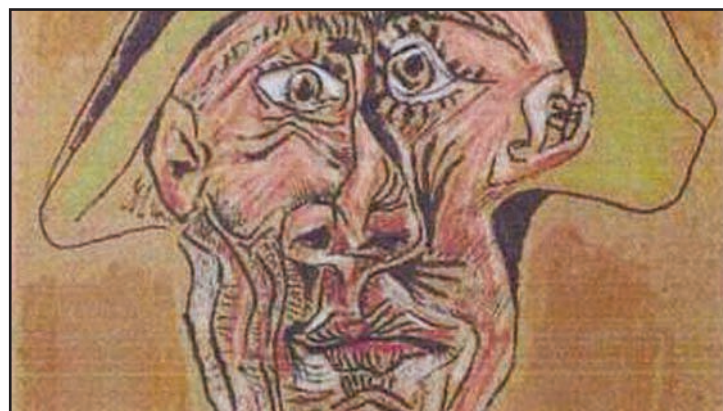


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Seven masterpieces stolen in Dutch museum heist



'Tête d'Arlequin' (1971) by Picasso

ROTTERDAM (AFP) - Seven masterpieces, including paintings by Picasso, Matisse, Monet and Gauguin, were stolen in a pre-dawn heist yesterday at Rotterdam's Kunsthall museum, the biggest such theft in the Netherlands in two decades, police said.

Alerted by an alarm but arriving on the scene after the thief or thieves had fled, police said they had launched a major investigation that includes interviewing possible witnesses and examining closed-circuit television.

"Yesterday morning seven artworks were stolen from the Kunsthall in Rotterdam," police said in a statement, adding the burglary took place at around 3:00 a.m. (0100 GMT).

After having initially declined to name the stolen paintings, they said that after consulting with the owners, they can now release photographs of the works.

"A major investigation is under way and forensics are at the scene," Rotterdam police spokeswoman Patricia Wessels told AFP. "We're investigating how they got access, what time it happened and who did it."

Dutch state television showed a police forensic team dusting one of the Kunsthall's outer doors for fingerprints. The museum's director is flying back from Turkey after hearing news of the theft, television said.

The NOS broadcaster said the haul was worth "millions

and millions of euros (dollars)", but the paintings are so famous that it will be difficult to get anything like their real value on the black market.

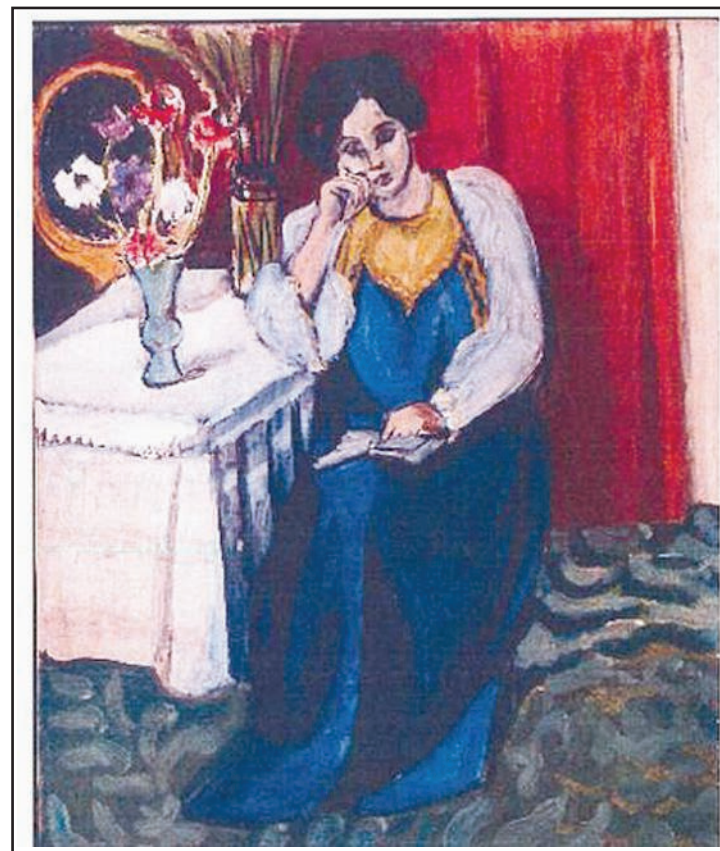
It is the biggest art theft in The Netherlands since 20 paintings were stolen from Amsterdam's Van Gogh museum in 1991.

The paintings are Pablo Picasso's "Tete d'Arlequin", Henri Matisse's "La Liseuse en Blanc et Jaune", Claude Monet's "Waterloo Bridge, London" and "Charing Cross Bridge, London", Paul Gauguin's "Femme Devant une Fenetre Ouverte, dite La Fiancee", Meyer de Haan's "Autoportrait" and Lucian Freud's "Woman with Eyes Closed".

"Police are interviewing possible witnesses and examining closed-circuit video footage," the police statement said. "An initial investigation suggests that the robbery was well prepared."

The police spokeswoman said that police were alerted during the night when an alarm went off but the thief or thieves had made off by the time police arrived at the scene. The museum was closed to the public yesterday.

The museum is in Rotterdam's museum park where few



'la Liseuse en Blanc et Jaune' (1919) By Matisse

people go at night.

The works were among the 150-strong Triton Foundation's collection, which was being shown in its entirety to the public for the first time to mark the museum's 20th anniversary, the Kunsthall's website

said.

The exhibition "comprises works from almost every significant art movement", it added.

The Kunsthall, which means "art hall", has no permanent collection of its own.

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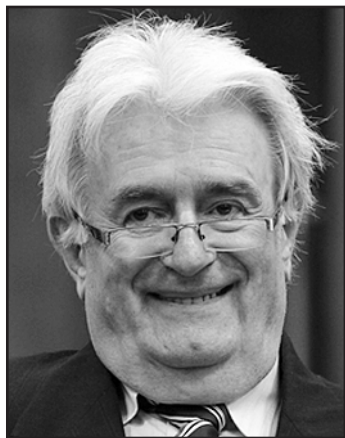
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

'I should be rewarded', Karadzic tells war crimes court

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A defendant Radovan Karadzic told the UN Yugoslav war crimes court yesterday he should be rewarded for doing everything to avoid war in Bosnia, insisting he was a tolerant man who had sought to reduce human suffering.

"I should have been rewarded for all the good things that I've done because I did everything within human power to avoid the war and to reduce the human suffering," the former Bosnian Serb leader told the Yugoslav war crimes court in The Hague as he began his own defence against charges including genocide.



"Neither I nor anyone else that I know thought that there would be a genocide against those who were not Serbs," said Karadzic, who is notably charged with masterminding Europe's worst post-World War II massacre in the eastern Bosnian town of Srebrenica during its bloody 1992-95 war.

Looking relaxed Karadzic projected an image of a schoolmaster, with his glasses perched precariously on his nose, lecturing the court and occasionally smiling. His words however were met with incredulous cries and snickers from the packed public gallery, where several survivors and victims' family members sat.

Karadzic, 67, is accused of being one of the masterminds of ethnic cleansing during the Bosnian war in the 1990s that claimed more than 100,000 lives and uprooted over two million from their homes.

He faces a life sentence if convicted and has pleaded not guilty.

Obama boosted by court victory on Ohio early voting

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Supreme Court handed an advantage to President Barack Obama yesterday in ruling that the key battleground state of Ohio cannot limit early voting in the final days before the election.

Ohio implemented early-voting after the 2004 election fiasco where huge lines formed at polling stations and countless voters gave up and went home.

But the Republican-led Ohio legislature changed the rules last year so that only members of the military could cast in-person ballots after 6 pm on the Friday before the election.

Ohio Secretary of State Jon

Husted also ordered local polling stations to only operate during normal business hours, thus preventing early voting in the evenings and weekends. He argued the rules were necessary in order to help poll workers prepare for the November 6 election.

The Obama campaign challenged the rules in court, arguing that allowing members of the military but not the general public to vote on the weekend before election day violated constitutional guarantees to equal treatment.

A federal appeals court found in Obama's favor and the Supreme Court denied Husted's appeal in a single sentence: "The application for

stay presented to Justice Kagan and by her referred to the Court is denied."

Early voting has been a boon for Democrats in Ohio, whose mobilization efforts included bussing supporters to the polls after church on the Sunday before the election.

The Obama campaign hailed the Supreme Court's decision as a "victory for voting rights."

"This action from the highest court in the land marks the end of the road in our fight to ensure open voting this year for all Ohioans, including military, veterans, and overseas voters," General Counsel Bob Bauer said in a statement.

US 'disappointed' that Britain won't extradite hacker

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States expressed disappointment yesterday after Britain decided not to extradite computer hacker Gary McKinnon, who is wanted on suspicion of accessing secret NASA and Pentagon systems.

State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland told reporters that American officials "are examining the details of the decision," but insisted that the 10-year legal battle had not undermined close US ties with Britain.

But she added: "We have an incredible alliance and that will obviously continue in all of its forms."

The Department of Justice also said it was "disappointed," particularly in light of previous

decisions by the British government and courts that McKinnon should face trial in the United States.

"We note that the home secretary has described this case as exceptional and, thus, this decision does not set a precedent for future cases," department spokeswoman Rebekah Carmichael said.

British Home Secretary (interior minister) Theresa May said her government had decided that to extradite McKinnon, a 46-year-old Asperger's sufferer, would breach his human rights, as he was at high risk of attempting suicide.

"Mr McKinnon is accused of serious crimes, but there is also no doubt that he is seriously ill," she told the British

parliament.

Britain's Crown Prosecution Service will now decide whether the hacker should face trial in Britain.

McKinnon was arrested in London in 2002 on allegations that he hacked into dozens of Pentagon and NASA computers, leaving 300 machines at a US naval air station immobilized soon after the September 11, 2001 attacks.

He has never denied hacking, but claims he was looking for classified documents on UFOs rather than seeking to harm US national security.

If he had been extradited to face trial under the relatively harsh US laws on hacking, he would have faced up to 60 years in a US jail.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Italy cruise ship wreck removal faces big delays

GIGLIO ISLAND (AFP) - The US salvage company tasked with removing the wreck of the Costa Concordia cruise ship said yesterday that the unprecedented project will only be completed by June 2013 at the earliest.

Titan, which won a joint bid for the project with Italian offshore rig company Micoperi, said that the technical demands of drilling into a granite seabed had slowed progress and winter weather may increase the delay.

"The initial timeline is going to be blown out of the water," said Nick Sloane,

Titan's senior salvage master. Organisers initially said the giant project -- the biggest salvage of its kind -- would be finished in early 2013.

The vessel has a gross tonnage of 114,500 GT -- far bigger than the Titanic -- and lies beached on its side off Giglio island in Tuscany.

Before attempting to right the liner, salvage workers are drilling holes into the seabed to support a platform the vessel will eventually sit on, thus securing the wreck to prevent it from slipping off the reef and into deeper water during the operation to right it.

Colombia peace talks to start in Oslo on Thursday

BOGOTA (AFP) - Fledgling peace talks between Colombia's FARC rebels and the government which are aimed at ending the longest insurgency in Latin America will begin in Norway tomorrow after a one-day delay.

The announcement by the Colombian presidency yesterday came shortly after a government source said the rebels' top negotiator Ivan Marquez had arrived in Cuba and was expected to travel within hours to Oslo with members of his team.

The talks had originally been scheduled to start today in the Norwegian capital but Marquez experienced travel hold-ups due to bad weather.

According to the Colombian press, tensions were also

raised over a last minute request by the FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) to include a Dutch national, Tanja Nijmeijer, among its representatives.

A number of members of the Colombian congress have told local media they object to her being part of the pending peace talks.

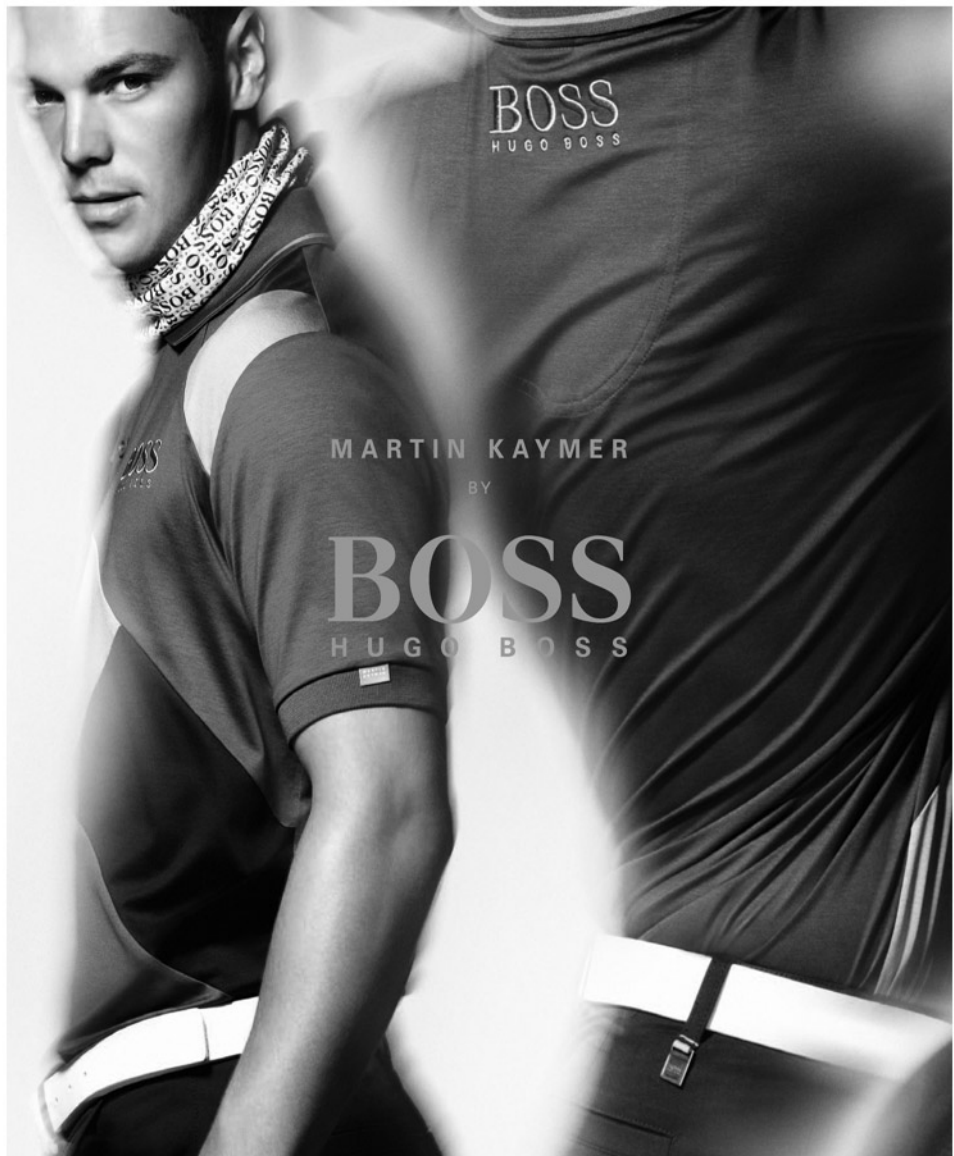
Colombian senator Juan Carlo Velez is quoted as saying FARC wants to use Nijmeijer to win sympathy in Europe, while others fear she will be used to show the movement is 'young and revolutionary'.

On Monday, Leiden university professor Beatrice de Graaf told website nu.nl Nijmeijer has blood on her hands and is one of the most dangerous women in the world.

Pakistani girl shot by Taliban making progress in Britain



BIRMINGHAM (AFP) - The 14-year-old Pakistani girl shot in the head by the Taliban is making progress in a British hospital, doctors said yesterday, as police turned away visitors claiming to be relatives. Malala Yousafzai was in a stable condition on her first full day in Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham after being flown to the city in central England in an air ambulance. The hospital's medical director David Rosser said she had had a "comfortable night".



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US welcomes Cuba travel change, citing human rights

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States yesterday welcomed Cuba's plan to scrap tight restrictions on citizens leaving the communist country, a move that could potentially send a surge of Cubans toward US shores.

"This is consistent with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which provides that everybody ought to have the right to leave any country, including their own, and -- or to return to their own country, to come in and out," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said. "So we are analyzing, obviously, all of the details and any implications it may have for our processing."

Separate from requests for US immigration visas, the United States gives any Cuban who reaches US soil -- by boat, land or air -- immediate residency and working rights, something it does not do for citizens of any other country.

Havana's move will put pressure on Washington to allow more Cubans to enter the country legally -- or face a potentially risky illegal flow of refugees from the cash-strapped Communist-ruled Caribbean island just 90 miles below the US state of Florida.

Cubans will no longer need an exit permit to travel abroad from January, the communist regime said yesterday, in a major overhaul of a half-century-old policy despised by the island's citizens.

Cubans will no longer have to apply for a "white card" to leave the island from January 14, and the period allowed for overseas stays will be extended from 11 to 24 months, according to decrees published in the official journal.

A bureaucratic headache, Cubans are required to show a letter of invitation from a relative or friend abroad and a visa from the destination country to

get the permit, costing up to \$500 in a country where monthly salaries average \$19.

While Cubans will only need a passport from January to travel, the government indicated that it would continue to impose some limits to avoid a "brain drain" that it blamed on the United States.

The official daily Granma said Cuba will keep measures "to defend itself" as long as "brain theft" policies aimed at taking away human resources essential to our country's economic, social and scientific development continue.

Under the new rules, people who play "vital roles" in the country, such as soldiers, engineers, doctors and athletes, will need authorization from their superiors in order to get a passport. A passport can also be denied to Cubans who have a criminal record or a government debt, or for "national security and defense" reasons.

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HEALTH & LIVING

Smoking in cars beats UN pollution threshold

PARIS (AFP) - Smoking in cars raises levels of dangerous fine-particle pollutants to many times the limit recommended by the world's health agency, a study published this week said.

Doctors in Britain measured concentrations of fine particles in cars driven by 17 people, 14 of them smokers, using an electronic monitor on the back seat.

The volunteers were asked to follow their normal smoking habits as the smoke levels in their car were monitored over three days.

Out of 104 journeys -- av-

erage time 27 minutes -- 63 were smoke-free.

During smoking journeys, levels of fine particles were 85 microgrammes per cubic metre on average, compared to guidelines of 25 mcg/cu. metre for indoor pollution set by the UN's World Health Organisation (WHO).

Even when the driver opened the window or turned on ventilation to remove the smoke, particulate levels were still above the WHO benchmark at some point during these journeys.

The average peak during smoking trips was 385 mcg/cu. metre, with the highest being more than 880 mcg/cu. metre.

In contrast, particulate levels during non-smoking journeys averaged only 7.4 mcg/cu. metre.

The type of fine particulate that was measured is less than 2.5 micrometres in diameter.

These very small particles are considered dangerous because they can lodge deep in the lung, causing irritation.

"Children exposed to these levels of fine particulate are likely to suffer ill-health effects," says the study, led by Sean Semple of the Scottish Centre for Indoor Air at the University of Aberdeen.

"There are increasing numbers of countries legislating against smoking in cars and such measures may be appropriate to prevent the exposure of children to these high levels of second-hand smoke."

The investigation appears in the journal Tobacco Control.

Menopause causes 'spare tyre' but no weight gain



PARIS (AFP) - Contrary to popular perception, menopause does not cause weight gain, although it does increase fat around the waist, a specialist journal reported Tuesday.

Scientists working for the International Menopause Society carried out a review of the evidence, looking at published studies into the impact of menopause on body weight.

Where weight gain occurred, it did not occur through hormonal factors, which means that menopause cannot be blamed, they found.

However, they concluded that the loss of the female hormone oestrogen leads to a change in the pattern of body fat, which shifts from the hips to the abdomen.

"It is a myth that the menopause causes a woman to gain weight," said lead investigator Susan Davis, a professor at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia.

"It's really just a consequence of environmental factors and ageing which cause

that. But there is no doubt that the new spare tyre many women complain of after menopause is real," she said.

"This is the body's response to the fall in oestrogen at menopause -- a shift of fat storage from the hips to the waist."

Previous research has found that on average a woman in Western society gains around 0.5 kilos (1.1 pounds) per year after the age of 50. Weight gain is influenced by genetic and behavioural factors, especially a sedentary lifestyle and snacking on fatty and sugary foods.

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SCI-TECH

Astronomers discover planet with four suns

WASHINGTON (AFP) - An international team of amateur and professional astronomers has discovered a planet whose skies are lit up by four suns -- the first known case of such a phenomenon.

The planet, located about 5,000 light years from Earth, has been dubbed PH1 in honor of Planet Hunters, a programme led by Yale University in the United States, which enlists volunteers to look for signs of new planets.

PH1 is orbiting two suns, and in turn is orbited by a second distant pair of stars. Only six planets are known to orbit two stars, researchers say, and none of those are orbited by other distant stars.

"Circumbinary planets are the extremes of planet formation," said Yale's Meg Schwamb, lead author of a paper presented Monday at the annual meeting of the Division for Planetary Sciences of the American Astronomical Society in Nevada.

"The discovery of these systems is forcing us to go back to the drawing board to understand how such planets can assemble and evolve in these dynamically challeng-

ing environments."

US citizen scientists and Planet Hunters participants Kian Jek and Robert Gagliano were the first to identify PH1. Their observations were then confirmed by a team of US and British researchers working in Hawaii.

PH1 is a gas giant with a radius about 6.2 times that of Earth, making it slightly larger than Neptune. It orbits a pair of eclipsing stars that are 1.5 and 0.41 times the mass of the Sun roughly every 138 days.

The two other stars are orbiting the planetary system at a distance that is roughly 1,000 times the distance between Earth and the Sun.

The discovery of PH1 was made available online Monday.

EU data bodies tell Google to fix privacy rules or face fine

PARIS (AFP) - European data protection agencies on Tuesday said Google's new privacy policy does not comply with EU laws and told the US Internet giant to fix it within months or face legal action.

Google rolled out the new

day at the site arxiv.org and has been submitted to the Astrophysical Journal for publication.

"It still continues to astonish me how we can detect, let alone glean so much information, about another planet thousands of light-years away just by studying the light from its parent star," Jek said.

Last week scientists reported the discovery of a "diamond planet" twice the size of earth and orbiting a sun-like star.

Up to one-third of the planet's mass and much of its surface is believed to consist of diamonds, implying that distant rocky planets can no longer be assumed to have the same features as Earth.

privacy policy in March, allowing it to track users across various services to develop targeted advertising, despite sharp criticism from US and European consumer advocacy groups.

It contends the move simplifies and unifies its policies across its various services such as Gmail, YouTube, Android mobile systems, social networks and Internet search.

But critics argue that the policy, which offers no ability to opt out aside from refraining from signing into Google services, gives the operator of the world's largest search engine unprecedented ability to monitor its users.

Google is already facing privacy probes by authorities across the globe as it steps up its battle with the social network site Facebook for both users and advertisers.

Microsoft to price new tablet near same as iPad



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Microsoft said Tuesday its new Surface tablet computer -- designed to challenge Apple's iPad -- will be sold at roughly the same price as the market leader.

Microsoft began taking pre-orders for the Surface, which will start at \$499 for US customers for a tablet with 32 gigabytes of memory. A 64GB version bundled with a black touch cover is priced at \$699.

The prices are in line with the iPad, which begins at \$499 but with less memory. Apple however is expected to unveil a low-priced "iPad Mini" next week.

Surface will be available October 26 at Microsoft Store locations in the United States and Canada and will be sold online in eight markets across the world: Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Britain and the United States.

Chief executive Steve Ballmer has described the iPad challenger -- complete with a built-in stand and ultra thin covers which double as keyboards in a range of colors -- as a tablet that "works and plays."

The tablet will run on the Windows 8 operating system also being released October 26.

App cuts up news into digestible bytes

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Offering a new way to read the news on a mobile device, an app launched Monday delivers content in "flash card" segments in an effort to optimize new formats.

"Rather than trying to

shoehorn existing content into a new environment, we've created the first truly mobile-first news experience," said a blog post from the creators of the Circa app for iPhone and iPad.

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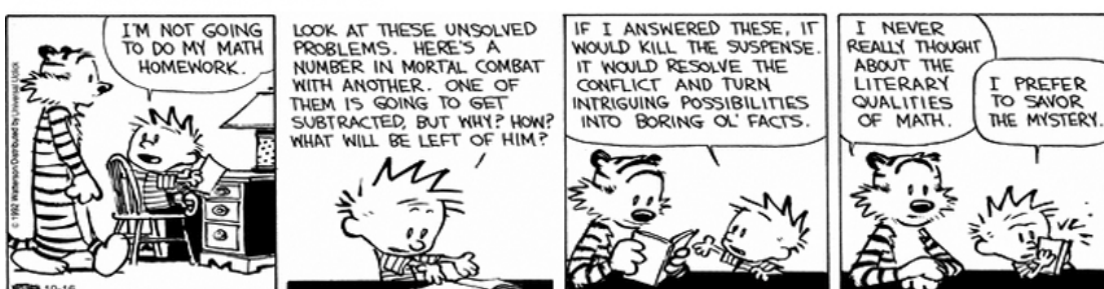
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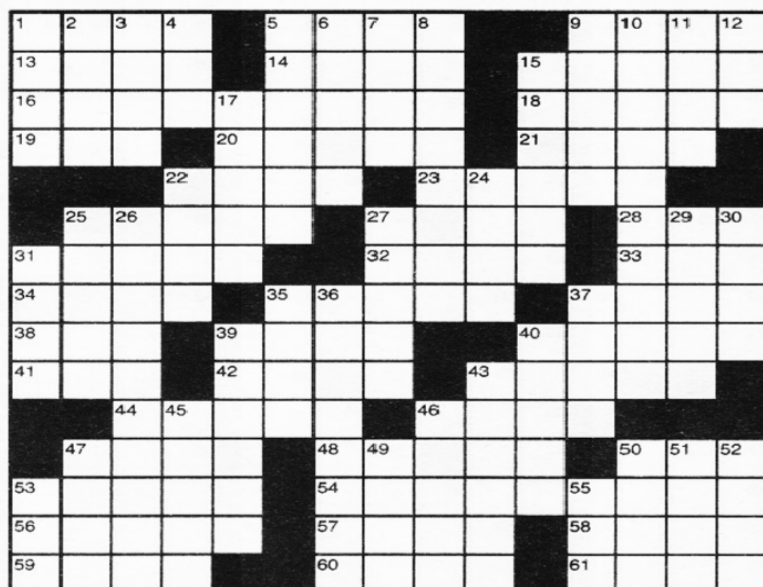
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5. Peggy or Mama
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13. Oily org.
14. El ____ (La Paz's airport)
15. Stone pillar
16. Cabaret
18. Medieval trade guild
19. Author Pamela ____ Barres
20. Expiate
21. Queen Elizabeth's daughter
22. Very dry, as champagne
23. Kitchen fixture
25. Hayley, in "The Parent Trap"
27. Make coffee, perhaps
28. Lick
31. Call the ____ (be in charge)
32. Requests
33. ____-Magnon
34. 'Nam's neighbor
35. Rotisserie details
37. Pleased as punch
38. "Harold ____ Maude"
39. Threadbare
40. Mangles one's lines
41. Very small
42. Drug plant
43. Defeats soundly
44. Sniffed about
46. Part of Q.E.D.
47. Style of jazz singing
48. Early

DOWN

1. Walden or Golden
2. "...baked in ____"
3. Cribbage markers
4. Frau's cry
5. Saguaro, e.g.
6. Parcel out
7. Render speechless
8. Least flighty
9. Comic Arnold
10. Dog certifier
11. Pianist Von Alpeheim
12. Photographer-funding org.
15. Beef cuts
17. Mountain lakes
22. Power drill accessories
24. Awkward boats
25. Clan chief
26. Shillelagh, e.g.
27. "Common Sense" author
29. Bedouins
30. Milkweed casings
31. Chopped cabbage dish
35. Doormat scraper
36. Recklessly extravagant
37. Cloy
39. Used imprudently
40. Former Lyons lucre
43. Sketches
45. Palm-tree sites
46. Brilliant acclaim
47. Room, to Juan
49. Alaskan port
50. "To Sir with Love" singer
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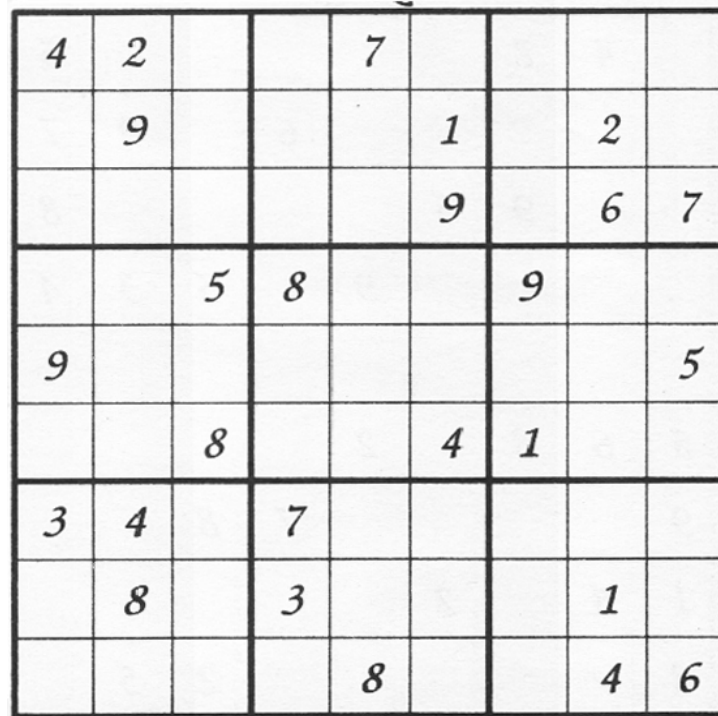
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Clinton urges end to barriers to women entrepreneurs

LIMA (AFP) - US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton yesterday issued a clarion call for nations to lift barriers to women's economic participation, arguing that in tough times they are a vital key to growth.

Attending a conference in Lima, Peru, Clinton urged that women be given greater access to the tools needed to become entrepreneurs and called for countries to end laws posing a major obstacle to women entrepreneurs.

"This is a time when all nations need to grow their economies and create jobs, and we... know that women drive economic growth," Clinton told the conference entitled "Power: Women as the Drivers of Social Growth Inclusion."

She told the conference hosted by Peruvian President Ollanta Humala, and attended by Michelle Bachelet, head of UN Women, that "advancing the status of women and opening wide the doors of opportunity is the great work of our time."

"Restrictions on women's economic participation are costing us massive amounts of economic growth and income in every region of the world," Clinton argued.

"In the Asia-Pacific for example, it's more than \$40 bil-

lion in lost GDP every year... In my own country, making it easier for women to enter... the labor market could increase GDP as much as nine percent.

"In the eurozone, GDP could be 13 percent higher. Yet even with so much to gain for all of us, more than 100 countries have laws restricting women's economic participation."

She highlighted the work of Peruvian Luzmila Huaranca who "creates beautiful, embroidered cloth from the Andean highlands." Ten years ago she won a grant from USAID and Peru and has taught her skills to some 800 women across a dozen communities.


"That's how quickly in today's interconnected economy one woman with a needle and thread can give hundreds of women quality jobs, literally stitching new hope into their families' futures and economic growth for their country."

The regional conference, sponsored by the State Department, the Peruvian government and the InterAmerican Development Bank, was focusing on how to overcome hurdles women confront as entrepreneurs.

These include a lack of training and mentoring, difficulty in accessing the networks

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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S&P slashes Barcelona province's credit rating

MADRID (AFP) - Standard & Poor's axed Barcelona province's credit rating by two notches yesterday, leaving it just one level above junk-bond status.

The agency cut Barcelona's rating to BBB- from BBB+ and left it with a negative outlook just six days after downgrading Spain's sovereign rating by the same margin, citing a deepening recession and banking strains.

Standard & Poor's said local and regional governments can sometimes enjoy a rating one notch stronger than the sovereign debt, but only when they have stronger finances.

This is not the case with Barcelona, it added.

"The province depends on the central government for 85 percent of its operating revenue, limiting its financial independence and ability to withstand a sovereign stress

scenario," the agency said.

"Moreover, local governments in Spain have, in our view, a limited ability to oppose any unwanted changes to their institutional framework. Consequently, we apply a sovereign cap to the rating on Barcelona."

Hours earlier, Standard & Poors lowered its credit rating on seven major Spanish banks, including the top two Santander and BBVA, in line with the country's reduced status.

Rival agency Moody's Investors Service already has placed Spain's sovereign debt one notch above speculative status and is expected to announce this month whether it will cut the rating again, assessing Spanish bonds as junk.

Such a move could send Spanish borrowing rates spiralling and rapidly force the country to seek a sovereign bailout.



(FILES) Vikram Pandit, CEO of Citigroup, testifies on the use of Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) funds before the House Financial Services Committee at the US Capitol in Washington, DC, February 11, 2009. Citigroup announced yesterday that Pandit has resigned his position as CEO. (AFP PHOTO)



Indian Bollywood actress and Longines brand ambassador Aishwarya Rai Bachchan poses with the newly launched Longines Saint-Imier collection in New Delhi on October 15, 2012. The Swiss watchmaker Longines unveiled its Saint-Imier collection to mark its 180th anniversary. (AFP PHOTO)



Royal Bank of Scotland has suspended its head of rates trading for Europe and Asia Pacific amid a company probe into the LIBOR interest rate fixing scandal, the Financial Times reported yesterday. British state-owned RBS would not confirm the report or that Jezri Mohideen had become its most senior employee to be put on leave as the bank investigates its alleged role in the LIBOR affair that has rocked rival bank Barclays. The London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, is a flagship instrument used all over the world, affecting what banks, businesses and individuals pay to borrow money. EURIBOR is the eurozone equivalent. (AFP)



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Khan and Kapoor in Bollywood 'royal' marriage



Newly-wedded Bollywood personalities Saif Ali Khan (L) and Kareena Kapoor pose for the media outside Khan's residence in Mumbai. (AFP PHOTO)

MUMBAI (AFP) - Bollywood glamour couple Saif Ali Khan and Kareena Kapoor, who have been dating for five years, finally tied the knot in Mumbai on Tuesday in a much-anticipated Indian celebrity wedding.

Kapoor, 32, and Khan, 42 -- India's answer to Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie -- held a quiet official ceremony at the groom's home, which will be followed by an evening reception at the grand Taj Mahal Palace hotel.

The newly-weds married in front of close friends and family, before emerging to pose and wave to the large press pack and fans waiting outside. Kapoor was dressed in an embellished red shawl, while Khan wore a simple grey kurta.

"It was a registered marriage with three witnesses -- Kareena's father Randhir Kapoor, her mother Babita and Saif's mother Sharmila Tagore," marriage registrar Surekha Ramesh told the Press Trust of India news agency.

The couple, dubbed "Saifeena" by the media, come from famous acting families and their wedding attracting frenzied media attention.

Khan became the new Nawab (Muslim prince) of the former princely state of Pataudi last year after the death of his famous cricketer father Mansur Ali Khan, well known as "Tiger Pataudi".



Kapoor at her wedding sangeet

Khan's mother is an award-winning actress and his sister Soha is also in the movie business.

Kapoor hails from one of Bollywood's foremost acting dynasties, started by her great-grandfather Prithviraj.

Her grandfather Raj Kapoor was a cinematic legend while his brothers and a number of relatives have become well-known names in the industry.

Johnny Depp to launch publishing venture

NEW YORK (AFP) - Pirates of the Caribbean star Johnny Depp has teamed up with HarperCollins to publish books that float his boat, some by famous and others by relatively unknown authors, the company said Tuesday.

In the "Infinitum Nihil" collection "Depp will publish titles that reflect his diverse interests and passions," HarperCollins said, in a statement released by its New York headquarters.

"Infinitum Nihil will be a home for authentic, outspoken, and visionary ideas and voices, from authors both celebrated and unsung," it said.

The first new title from the imprint will be "The Unraveled Tales of Bob Dylan" by journalist Douglas Brinkley, which is due out in 2015.

"Based on archival research and exclusive interviews with Dylan, the book

will set the record straight on scores of issues pertaining to the rock-and-roll legend," Brinkley said.

"Johnny and I thought the Dylan book was the ideal way to inaugurate the Infinitum Nihil series."

In January, also in conjunction with Brinkley, Infinitum Nihil will publish folk singer Woody Guthrie's only fully realized novel, House of Earth. Guthrie completed the novel in 1947 but did not seek its publication.

Depp, the 49-year-old Hollywood heartthrob, said he would do his best "to deliver publications worthy of peoples' time, of peoples' concern. Publications that might ordinarily never have breached the parapet.

"For this dream realized, we would like to salute HarperCollins for their faith in us and look forward to a long and fruitful relationship together," Depp added.

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Fans of Aruba's favorite sports bar are happy to hear that Buster's Garage has relocated to the restaurant/bar space inside Trop Casino. Now Eagle Beach resort guests have a great place for a bargain-priced

there is a game going on out there somewhere, we'll find it."

With giant screens everywhere throughout the joint, there isn't a bad seat in the house. Aside from their all day menu of game-watching favorites, they also feature a hearty breakfast menu. The "Grand Slam Platter" includes eggs any style, pancakes or waffles, bacon, juice, fresh made home fries with coffee or tea for only \$9. Lunch and dinner menus reflect the same moderate pricing

with required sports bar standards such as chicken wings, club sandwiches, burgers and a heaping helping of nachos, averaging \$9; pizza and main courses range from \$11 to \$15.

Aside from the games and the gambling, patrons can ex-



Threesome, takes care of the entertainment

breakfast or a bucket of beer while rooting for the team of their choice.

Buster's has that great, homey feel of settling in to enjoy a game with buddies, greatly due to the warmth and enthusiasm of owner Rusty. He takes pride in making patrons feel welcome. "If somebody really needs to watch their home team on the field, we'll be happy to put it on for them," he confidently assured us. "We have 3 satellite dishes with separate packages to pick up every station imaginable. If

pect great entertainment three nights weekly with one of Aruba's most popular trios, "Threesome." There are also some wild times getting acquainted with Rusty's Beer Pong, the Drinking Game of Champions. Win or lose, players always end up with a smile on their face.

This family friendly place, with air hockey and video games for the kids, along with a special menu for young ones, is open 7 days a week from 7:30 AM until 1:00 AM for late night snacking and fun.

SPORTS

Van Der Vaart-inspired Dutch beat Romania

BUCHAREST, Romania (AFP) - Netherlands took a significant step towards qualifying for the 2014 World Cup with a comprehensive 4-1 defeat of their main Group D rivals Romania here on Tuesday.

Goals from Jeremein Lens, Bruno Martens and Rafael van der Vaart put the 2010 World Cup finalists firmly in command by half time with Robin van Persie adding a fourth five minutes from time.

Romania's lone strike came towards the end of the first half from Ciprian Marica.

The win lifted Louis van Gaal's men up to 12 points after four games and hoping to qualify automatically as group winners - the Oranje clearly recovered from the embarrassment of their first round elimination from Euro 2012.

Romania, who went into this match tied with the Dutch after their surprise win over Turkey last Friday, are level on nine points with Hungary.

Van der Vaart was instrumental in Holland's opener,



Lens knocking in his eighth minute corner, and the Hamburg midfielder was at the centre of the second too when Martens fired in his free kick.

After Marica had reduced the deficit van der Vaart got on the scoresheet in his own right when converting a penalty in first half stoppage time, with van Persie's 85th

minute contribution completing an excellent night for the Dutch in Bucharest.

Romania coach Victor Piturca said: "When you concede four goals there is not a lot you can say. But a great team scores, and Holland scored. We are now fighting for second place in the group."

Mtiliga's Denmark career over, says angry Olsen

MILAN, Italy (AFP) - Denmark's Patrick Mtiliga has played his final game for Denmark, national team coach Morten Olsen said here Tuesday, after the player refused to warm-up for a World Cup qualifier against Italy. Denmark lost the Group B match 3-1 to drop to second from bottom of Group B with two points from three games as Italy made it 10 points from a possible 12 to boost their chances of qualifying for Brazil 2014.

After the match Olsen explained why Mtiliga would not play for the national side again.

"He has played his final game for Denmark," said Olsen.

"He refused to warm up for the game because he was too unhappy at not being in the starting eleven and seeing Simon Poulsen start instead. "It's not acceptable."

Mtiliga is of Gambian origin but was born in Copenhagen. The 21-year-old defender won six caps for Denmark and plays for Danish champions Nordsjaelland.

Northern Irish put dampener on Ronaldo century



Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo holds a commemorative plaque as he celebrates his 100th cap for the national team

OPORTO (AFP) - Northern Ireland stole the headlines from Cristiano Ronaldo's 100th international appearance here on Tuesday as they held Portugal to a 1-1 draw in their European zone 2014 World Cup qualifier.

Indeed but for an equaliser by veteran striker Helder Postiga 11 minutes from time it would have been a miserable night all round for Ronaldo, who had started it all smiles

when being presented with a special cap for his 100th appearance.

However, the overall picture for the hosts, Euro semi-finalists only four months ago, doesn't look rosy either as they trail leaders Russia by five points, having lost to Fabio Capello's side in Moscow last Friday.

The visitors - who ended a run of six successive away defeats - had taken the lead through Niall McGinn, a memorable strike for his first goal for his country.

"The players were tremendous and it was cruel on us to concede a late goal," said Northern Ireland manager Michael O'Neill.

"I thought we were heroic. I'm amazed to be standing here and saying I am disappointed to come away with a draw."

The Northern Irish - ranked 117 in the world to Portugal's third - struck on the half hour mark with a well worked move started by Manchester United defender Jonny Evans, who found Kyle Lafferty.



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Group A

At Brussels
Belgium 2 (Benteke 69, Kompany 71) Scotland 0
At Osijek, Croatia
Croatia 2 (Mandzukic 27, Eduardo 58) Wales 0
At Skopje
Macedonia 1 (Ibraimi 59-pen) Serbia 0

Group B

At Prague
Czech Republic 0 Bulgaria 0
At Milan
Italy 3 (Montolivo 33, De Rossi 37, Balotelli 54) Denmark 1 (Kvist 46)

Group C

At Berlin
Germany 4 (Klose 8, 15, Mertesacker 39, Ozil 56) Sweden 4 (Ibrahimovic 62, Lustig 64, Elmander 76, Elm 90+3)
At Torshavn
Faroes 1 (Hansen 68) Ireland 4 (Wilson 47, Walters 52, Justinussen 73-o.g., O'Dea 89)
At Vienna
Austria 4 (Janko 24, 63, Alaba 71, Harnik 90+3) Kazakhstan 0

Group D

At Andorra-La-Vieille
Andorra 0 Estonia 1 (Oper 56)
At Bucharest
Romania 1 (Marica 40)
Netherlands 4 (Lens 9, Martins Indi 29, van der Vaart 45+2-pen, van Persie 86)

Group E

At Budapest
Hungary 3 (Koman 31, Szalai 50, Gera 57-pen)
Turkey 1 (Erting 22)
At Larnaca, Cyprus
Cyprus 1 (Aloneftis 42)
Norway 3 (Hangeland 44, Ely-

ounoussi 81-pen, King 83)

At Reykjavik
Iceland 0 Switzerland 2 (Barnetta 66, Gavranovic 79)

At Tirana
Albania 1 (Rroshi 36)
Slovenia 0

Group F

At Moscow
Russia 1 (Shirokov 84-pen) Azerbaijan 0
At Oporto, Portugal
Portugal 1 (Postiga 79)
Northern Ireland 1 (McGinn 30)

At Ramat Gan, Israel
Israel 3 (Hemed 13, 48, Eden Ben Basat 35) Luxembourg 0

Group G

At Bratislava
Slovakia 0 Greece 1 (Salpingidis 63)
At Zenica, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Bosnia-Herzegovina 3 (Ibisevic 29, Dzeko 35, Pjanic 41)
Lithuania 0

Group H

At Kiev
Ukraine 0 Montenegro 1 (Damjanovic 45)
At Serravalle
San Marino 0 Moldova 2 (Dadu 72-pen, Epureanu 78)

At Warsaw
Poland v England - postponed waterlogged pitch
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Group I

At Madrid
Spain 1 (Ramos 25) France 1 (Giroud 90+4)
At Minsk
Belarus 2 (Bressan 6, Dragun 28) Georgia 0



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Lin says he's hit by racism in GQ cover story



NEW YORK (AFP) - Jeremy Lin, the NBA playmaker of Taiwan and Chinese heritage whose rise last season sparked "Lin-sanity" worldwide, told GQ Magazine in a cover story that he still feels the sting of racist attitudes.

"I'm going to have to play

well for a longer period of time for certain people to believe it because I'm Asian. And that's just the reality of it," Lin told GQ in a story from the November issue posted on the magazine website.

Lin is featured on the cover wearing a suit and basketball shoes and holding a basketball in his left hand with a headline: "Jeremy Lin will not be denied".

"I don't always pass with my left, but when I do, it's for GQ... thanks," Lin posted Tuesday on his Twitter page.

Lin, a 24-year-old Harvard graduate, was pulled off the bench for the New York Knicks last season when the club had two starters felled by injury. He shocked everyone with a star turn that sparked a win streak and "Lin-sanity".

The starters returned and so did reality but the Knicks reached the playoffs and Lin was expected to play a role for New York in the upcoming season.

But when the Houston Rockets made an offer of \$25 million for three years and the Knicks refused to match it, Lin departed for the Texas club where retired Chinese star center Yao Ming played his entire NBA career.

"When we had Yao Ming and Tracy McGrady, those were our centerpieces," Rockets general manager Daryl Morey told GQ.

"Right now we're really sort of figuring out who those foundational players will be but if you had to ask me who's most likely to be that guy, I think Jeremy Lin's number one."

Lin, however, says he still feels a sense of bigotry toward him, that people see his

skills as more limited because of his unique status as the NBA's first Asian-American player.

"If I can be honest, yes. It's not even close to the only reason, but it was definitely part of the reason," Lin said.

"There's a lot of perceptions and stereotypes of Asian-Americans that are out there today and the fact that I'm Asian-American makes it harder to believe, even crazier, more unexpected."

"If you (play well) for long enough, I think you would get the respect."

Lin felt racism slaps last season such as an ESPN website headline "Chink in the armor" after he had a poor showing on the court.

"In my younger days, it would make me really angry," Lin said. "I think the comments in college were pure racism. Stuff that was said by opposing players, opposing fans, opposing coaches. So none of this was even close to that."

Lin became a star in Taiwan, his parents' homeland, and China, where one of his grandparents is from. He recalled being so mobbed during an Asian visit in the off-season that he rarely escaped his hotel room.

Lin also related how he expected to return to New York even after signing an offer from the Rockets, hoping to ensure a salary boost from the Knicks.

"The Rockets thought I was going to be a Knick," Lin says. "They told me when I signed there, 'We think it's an 80 to 95 percent chance of that happening.' That was consistent with what everyone was saying to me."

"The thing about it is, there was no other way to handle the situation. I didn't get an offer from the Knicks, so I had to go test my market."

League offers 50-50 revenue split with players

TORONTO (AFP) - The National Hockey league offered to split hockey revenue 50-50 with players Tuesday in a new proposal aimed at ending an ongoing contract dispute in time for each team to play a full 82-game season.

The proposal announced by NHL commissioner Gary Bettman comes one month after the league locked out players and less than a fortnight after the NHL cancelled regular-season games scheduled for October 11-24.

Bettman said a full season could still be played, however, if a deal is done in time to begin the season in early November.

"We very much want to preserve a full 82-game season and in that light we made a proposal, an offer really," Bettman said.

"It is our best shot at preserving an 82-game regular season and playoffs."

Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly met Tuesday with NHL Players Association executive director Don Fehr and special counsel Steve Fehr at the

union's office.

"The reaction was they need to study it," Bettman said. "I respect that portion of the process. They have got to understand the offer and get comfortable with it."

Bettman said the offer would split hockey-related revenue at 50-50 and wouldn't include salary rollbacks.

"We're focused on getting the season started on November 2," Bettman said. "That's what this offer was about."

To fit in a full season, teams would have to play one extra game every five weeks over the original schedule.

Talks on a new collective bargaining agreement have been stalled on how to divide \$3.2 billion in hockey-related revenues and owners locked out players on September 15.

Last week, when the league announced the cancellation of the 82 games scheduled for the first fortnight of the season, Don Fehr criticized the league sharply for a move that he said punished fans.

The NHL lost its entire 2004-05 season to a similar dispute.

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Manning's record rally sparks Broncos victory

SAN DIEGO, California (AFP) - Denver's Peyton Manning sparked a historic second-half National Football League comeback from 24 points down Monday with three touchdown passes to lead the Broncos over San Diego 35-24.

Manning completed 24-of-30 passes for 309 yards, going 13-of-14 in the second half, to inspire his 47th fourth-quarter victory fight-back -- matching retired Miami legend Dan Marino for the NFL record in career victory rallies.

"I don't have them ranked but it sure is special," Manning said. "It was a pivotal game. We can work on doing some things better and get things turned around."

The Broncos improved to 3-3, matching San Diego atop the AFC West division. But the Chargers dropped their third game in their past four starts and did so at home by squandering a 24-0 lead.

"Every loss hurts, no matter how it happens... especially when you have a big lead and with so much at stake," Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers said. "We're 3-3 and we have to regroup."

It was the first time in NFL history that a team which trailed by 24 points eventually won by 10 or more points.

"It's about playing 60 minutes," Manning said. "There's

no quit in this team. We have some things to work on but this is a great win."

It showed why the Broncos signed Manning, 36, after he was released by the Indianapolis Colts last March.

"He's calm. He's confident. He's a leader. He's what you need to pick it up," Broncos receiver Eric Decker said of Manning.

"We were making little mistakes that were killing us. In crunch time you have to make those plays and we did. That's the kind of leadership he has."

Manning, who completed 13 passes in a row at one stage in the second half, was aided by six San Diego turnovers, five of them in the second half.

"Our offense got a touchdown and our defense was able to force some turnovers," Manning said. "We have shown the ability to come back."

Rivers threw an 11-yard scoring strike to Antonio Gates with 24 seconds remaining in the second quarter to give the Chargers a 24-0 half-time lead, matching the largest half-time deficit Manning had ever faced.

"Those self-inflicted wounds put us in a hole," Manning said. "It was kind of deflating to our team in the first half. Everybody stepped up in the second half. Everybody took responsibility."

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* GM 7-OCT 22- St. Louis @ San. Fran

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Giants rout Cardinals to level series

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Marco Scutaro drove in two key runs before leaving with an injury on Monday and San Francisco defeated reigning champion St. Louis 7-1 to level their Major League Baseball playoff series.

The best-of-seven National League Championship Series, deadlocked at 1-1, shifts to St. Louis for three games today, Thursday and Friday. The winners will face either the New York Yankees or Detroit in the World Series.

It was the first home victory of the playoffs for the Giants, who dropped two games at home to Cincinnati in the previous round and the series opener to St. Louis on Sunday.

Giants starting pitcher Ryan Vogelsong allowed only one run in seven innings, scattering four hits while walking two batters



Angel Pagan of the Giants celebrates his lead-off homerun

and striking out four on a night when San Francisco sluggers pounded out 12 hits and plenty of runs.

"It feels better getting one here rather than going in there down 0-2," said Vogelsong. "They are a great hitting team. I was just making pitches."

San Francisco's Angel Pagan blasted a solo homer in the first inning to open the scoring but the Cardinals equalized in the second when Pete Kozma walked and scored on a double by St. Louis pitcher Chris Carpenter.

San Francisco scored four runs in the fourth inning to seize command, the first of them crossing home plate on a throwing error by Carpenter.

Scutaro added a bases-loaded double to drive in two runs and a fielding error by Cardinals outfielder Matt Holliday allowed a third San Francisco run to score on the play, giving the Giants a 5-1 lead.

Scutaro, the Giants' second baseman, was removed from the game and later taken to a hospital for an MRI exam with a left hip injury that he suffered in the first inning on a fielding play when struck by a sliding Holliday.